

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to delivery systems for nicotine.

Background of the Invention

Nicotine is commonly taken in the form of smoking tobacco, in cigarettes, principally, cigars and pipe tobacco. To a lesser extent, tobacco, or a preparation from it, is chewed. More rarely, nowadays, ~~is~~ snuff is taken. Smoking is declared to be injurious to health, though nicotine itself, in appropriate quantity, is not harmful in the way smoking is, which is due to components other than the nicotine in cigarette smoke and may even be beneficial - it is reported on numerous occasions as aiding concentration.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Patches are, of course, somewhat clinical, and while no doubt quite effective, not aesthetically pleasing. Gum is widely regarded as anti-social, often as much so as smoking - there is a

disposal problem involved with gum which ~~by and large~~ its users ignore, which has led to its being outlawed in Singapore, a measure which other countries may well follow. Of all the approaches, the most aesthetically acceptable - lozenges, which leave nothing to dispose of and which can be sucked without the sometimes highly objectionable masticating movements - are perhaps the most difficult to formulate, requiring usually elevated temperature processing, leading to nicotine loss through evaporation and an uncertain final dose in the lozenge, and special protection against evaporation from the finished product, if a reasonable shelf life is to be had.

Summary of the Invention

Please insert the following paragraph on page 3, before line 17.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please insert the following paragraph on page 4, before line 4.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The ~~thus~~ nicotine loaded yeast cells 14 are then poured from the vessel 12, in a second stage of the process, into a larger volume of yeast cells 14 in a second mixing vessel 15, also with a paddle 13, and the mixture stirred.

Thus ~~will~~, a desired concentration of nicotine encapsulated in yeast cells will be obtained.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

These products, which are quite similar to cigarettes and which may be used either as aids to quitting smoking or as cigarette substitutes where smoking is not permitted, will, by virtue of their loaded yeast content, contain an equivalent nicotine ~~does~~ dose to that delivered by smoking a cigarette.

Flavourings such for example as mint, Scotch whisky, Cognac or menthol can also be added, again encapsulated in similar fashion ~~to~~ in the yeast, as can other beneficial agents such as vitamin supplements.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

~~There is disclosed a~~ A delivery system for nicotine comprising including nicotine encapsulated in a microcapsule system which releases the encapsulated nicotine on contact of the microcapsules with a nicotine solvent.